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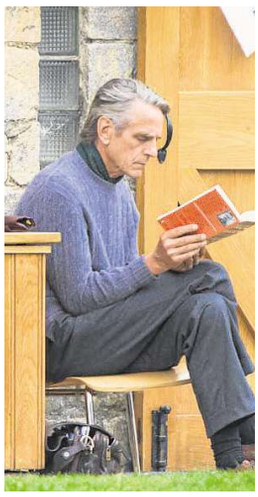

ON LOCATION: Jeremy Irons takes a break from filming. Right, actress Marion Cotillard waits on set

Stars back in Ely to shoot scenes for latest blockbuster

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BAFTA award-winning French actress Marion Cotillard and Golden Globe award-winning English actor Jeremy Irons were in Ely this week for the filming of huge new action blockbuster, *Assassin's Creed*.

The cathedral was closed to the public all day on Tuesday while filming for the eagerly-anticipated new 20th Century Fox film took place.

The film is an upcoming action adventure based on the Assassin's Creed video game franchise. It is directed by Justin Kurzel and stars Cotillard, Irons, Michael Fassbender, Brendan Gleeson and Michael K Williams.

Both Cotillard and Fassbender were in Ely in 2014 when banquet scenes for *Macbeth* – also directed by Kurzel – were shot in the cathedral's stunning Lady Chapel.

News that the filming was taking place was reported on *Ely News* online in advance, sending movie fans into a flurry of excitement.

One fan, who caught a glimpse of Cotillard, said: "It's amazing to think these big stars are here in a small place like Ely. The cathedral is becoming so popular with filmmakers now, it's awesome."

Another said: "I was just nipping into town to get some groceries when I saw all the activity outside the cathedral. All of this filming and exposure is great for Ely."

Female fans were hoping to spot BAFTA and Golden Globe award winner Fassbender around the cathedral too but were quite satisfied to see Irons from afar.

One said: "Jeremy Irons has been in so many big films; I honestly can't believe he's sitting outside the cathedral."

The film will be set in the same universe as the video games and feature an original story that expands the series' mythology.

Filming began in August last year and the movie is scheduled to be released on December 21 in the US.

A cathedral spokeswoman said they could not speak about the filming as confidentiality agreements had been signed.

A statement on the cathedral website on Tuesday said: "The cathedral will be closed to the general public all day due to an event taking place in the cathedral. The Chapter apologise for any inconvenience this may cause."

The cathedral is becoming a favourite with filmmakers. Scenes for award-winning Netflix drama *The Crown* were filmed there, as were scenes for *Elizabeth: The Golden Age*, *The King's Speech*, *Jupiter Ascending*, *The Other Boleyn Girl* and *The Other Man*.

The cathedral has previously been nominated as the Best Film and TV Location in the East of England.

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ALL SMILES: Soft play sessions are being held at Littleport Leisure Centre throughout the summer holidays, as well as archery, kwik cricket, dodgeball, fishing and more.

Soft play sessions are lots of fun for tots

STAFF at Littleport Leisure Centre are going out of their way to help keep children entertained this summer.

Soft play sessions are being held at the centre, in Camel Road, every Monday and Wednesday during the school holidays.

The sessions are from 10am-2pm on Mondays and 9am-12pm on Wednesdays, and are suitable for children aged 6 and under.

The centre has also organised activities for children of all ages, including Olympic-themed games on August 2, kwik cricket on August 3, dodgeball on August 5, fishing on August 10 and a teddy bear's picnic on August 11.

On August 12 there is also a disco with games, as well as archery and rounders planned for later in August.

To find out more, pop into the centre or call (01353) 860600.

DEVELOPMENT

Decision due on homes plan

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A DECISION on contentious plans to build new homes on Ely's Barton Road car park looks set to be made next week.

East Cambs District Council's planning committee will be discussing the proposals when it meets on Wednesday, August 3.

Planning officer Andrew Phillips is recommending that approval of the proposals is delegated to the planning manager, following the completion of a Section 106 agreement and subject to conditions.

The committee could refer the application to the Secretary of State for a decision.

Mr Phillips said: "The development will have a negative impact on the amount of parking space in Ely and this is likely to lead to minor harm to the economic output of Ely.

"However, even with the combined harm to the settings of the listed buildings/conservation area, the level of harm is considered to be less than substantial and it would not significantly outweigh the benefits of new dwellings."

It was in December that ECDC applied – to itself – to build a terrace of six town houses and five apartments on an area of the long-stay car park, in the conservation area.

The authority plans to deliver the development through its Local Authority Trading Company, and says building the new homes is a good way of raising income through the use of "under utilised land".

But the scheme has attracted more than 100 objections from residents.

The meeting is at ECDC's offices at 2pm and members of the public can attend.

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MONEY

Over £2m worth of council tax is owed in East Cambs

RESIDENTS in East Cambs owe more than £2 million in unpaid council tax, according to new figures.

Data published by the Department for Communities and Local Government shows that the district owed £2.3 million in unpaid council tax bills at March 31, 2016. This compares to £2.5 million for the previous year.

National Debtline, the free advice service run by the Money Advice Trust, says the fact that so much council tax debt is still outstanding is a sign that more residents in the Ely area would benefit from help in tackling their financial problems.

In April, council tax bills for residents in East Cambs rose by 2.09 per cent – with the average bill for a Band D household amounting to £1,623.91 for 2016/17, compared to £1,590.68 for 2015/16.

For advice, call 0808 808 4000 or visit nationaldebtline.org.

Summer sports for youngsters

ZORB football and tennis are enabling energetic little ones to let off steam.

Premier Sport has kick-started its children's summer holiday programme in the Ely area.

Activities, which also include football, fencing, archery and cricket, to name just a few, are running at Ely's Paradise Leisure Centre and The Shade Primary School in Soham this week.

But there are still plenty more sessions to come in August, including further sessions at the Paradise Centre and The Shade, as well as at Spring Meadow Infant School in Ely and Stretham Primary School.

To find out more, call (01953) 499040 or visit premiersport.org.

ON THE GO: The Premier Sport summer holiday camps are running in Ely, Soham and Stretham – and places are still available.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kitchen fire an accident

A FIRE broke out in a kitchen in Ely on Monday night.

Firefighters from Ely and Sutton were called to the blaze in Windmill Close at around 7.40pm.

A fire service spokesman said: "A fire involving cooking was extinguished by firefighters and positive pressure ventilation fans were used to clear smoke. The cause was accidental, by person."

Woman in 20s flown to Addenbrooke's

A WOMAN in her 20s was airlifted to Addenbrooke's on Sunday afternoon after collapsing while at work in The Cloisters, Ely.

Her condition on arrival at hospital was described as stable.

Crews battle crop blaze

FIREFIGHTERS spent around two hours extinguishing a crop fire in Ely.

The blaze involved an area of standing crop in Angel Drove measuring around 300m by 300m.

Beaters were used to extinguish the fire, which started at around 5.25pm last Wednesday.

Crews from Ely, Littleport, Soham and Newmarket attended.

The cause was accidental.

CELEBRITY

TV's Amanda Holden pops into city shop

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ACTRESS and *Britain's Got Talent* (BGT) judge Amanda Holden was in Ely at the weekend – and even bought some quirky new Parma Violets flavoured cheese in the city.

The popular star, who has been a judge on ITV's BGT since the show began in 2007, popped into Mr Simms Olde Sweet Shoppe in the High Street on Saturday afternoon with her husband, music producer Chris Hughes.

They spent around £40 on Parma Violets, lollipops and chocolate – as well as some Parma Violets Cheshire Cheese – a novel new cheese which has recently gone on sale there.

Parma Violets are 70 years old this year and their creator Swizzels Matlow has collaborated with the Cheshire Cheese Company to produce a cheddar containing the unmistakeable taste of the popular sweet.

David Learner, owner of Mr Simms in Ely and who served Amanda and Chris, said: "It was a surprise, to say the least!

"Amanda is stunning; much smaller than I imagined her to be and so modest. Chris is a very tall, striking man. They were both lovely to talk to and very natural.

"When Amanda popped a packet of Parma Violets into her basket we realised that she might just be persuaded to buy one of the cheeses.

"At first she thought it was a joke but then she realised it was going to be irresistible. She spent around £40 on various goodies, including lollipops and chocolate."

The Parma Violets Cheshire Cheese is still available at Mr Simms. David, who runs the shop with his wife, Jane, said: "It's mad, but it works."

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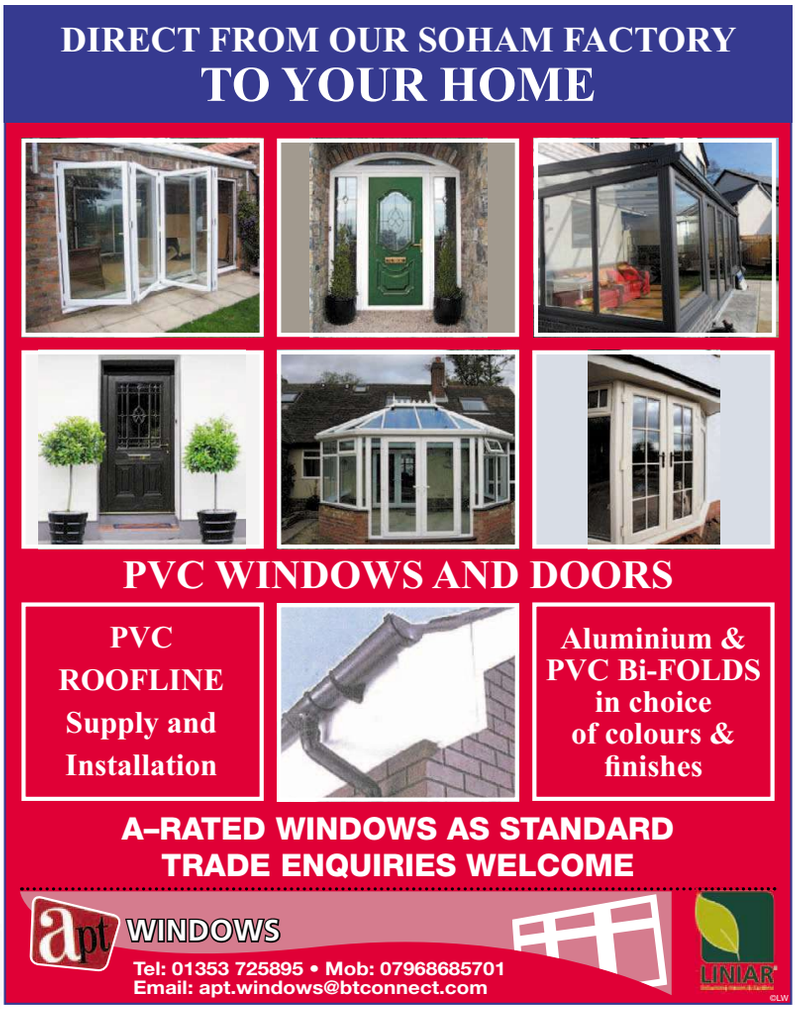

SCHOOL

SOMETHING TO SHOUT ABOUT: Young brothers Winston and Desmond enjoying Louise Fairweather-Chapman's exercises at the new dance school
Pictures: Vikki Lince

Let's dance

It's a dream come true as Louise launches kids' academy

BEST FOOT FORWARD: Louise Fairweather-Chapman puts some of the children through their paces

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A DANCE instructor has fulfilled her dreams of opening her own children's dance academy.

Louise Fairweather-Chapman, who lives in Soham, left dancing behind when she started a family. But now that her two sons are 12 and 18, she decided it was time to pull on her dancing shoes again, and has recently qualified as a Royal Academy of Dance children's ballet teacher.

Louise has now opened Développé Academy of Dance, which she is running from the Coleridge Community College Auditorium in Radegund Road, Cambridge.

She said: "A développé is a classical ballet term for a movement which is performed in many other dance genres. Développé derives and translates from the French vocabulary to "developing movement" literally "to develop or unfold.

"I encourage students to foster a love of dance and they are supported through transitional development periods and, as in the développé movement, the students themselves mature and unfold their potential. In time, confident responsible dancers and young adults emerge."

During her student training years, Louise successfully auditioned for three vocational schools, accepting and attending two full-time vocational schools consecutively.

The former was with the London College of Dance and Drama the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing College and the latter was a foundation year at Bodywork Dance Company in Cambridge (now known as Cambridge Performing Arts).

Développé Academy of Dance provides tuition for students aged three and upwards. Visit *developpeacademyofdance.co.uk*.

CONCENTRATION: Dylan Propert, left, and 2-year-old Desmond follow Louise Fairweather-Chapman's routines

slideshow
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COMMUNITY

Classic cars will be lining up for rally outside cathedral

CLASSIC cars from across the region will be on display in Ely this Saturday.

Cambridge District Classic Car Club is holding its annual rally on Palace Green, outside the cathedral.

David Hunns, the main organiser of the rally, said: "Cambridge District Classic Car Club is hosting the event and we have invited members of our own club, as well as local classic car owners from the Ely area.

"There will be a wide range of post and pre-war cars on show, including Daimlers, Fords, MGs and Triumphs.

"Mazda clubs, Sunbeam Alpine, Morris Minor and Jaguar clubs will also be represented."

The rally is from 10am-4pm.

There will also be the chance to vote for your favourite car, as well as a treasure hunt for adults and a children's quiz.

Entry is free and the rally is fully booked meaning vehicle owners cannot simply turn up on the day.

Pirates set course for week of fun

FORGET Pirates of the Caribbean, it was Pirates of Soham this week.

Youngsters have been flocking to South Angle Farm Park armed with swords, eye patches and wearing their favourite pirate costumes.

The farm is holding a different theme each week during the summer holidays.

This week was pirate week, enabling little ones – and the grown-ups – to take part in a treasure trove of activities.

August 1-5 is dinosaur week, August 8-12 is safari week, August 15-19 is fairytale week and August 22-26 is carnival week.

The farm park is open each day from 10am-4pm.

Call (01353) 720932 or visit SouthAngleFarmPark.co.uk to find out more.

AHOY THERE: Youngsters donned pirate outfits to take part in the fun at South Angle Farm Park

COURT

Pensioner denies child sex charges

A PENSIONER who has been reportedly caught in a undercover sting by US police has denied any wrongdoing.

Paul Wilkins, 70, of High Street, Littleport, initially faced two charges in the American courts – one of travelling to the USA with intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct with children, and one count of the attempted sex trafficking of children.

The offences are alleged to have involved boys aged 10 and 12, and to have taken place in Palm Springs, California.

In June two further charges were added, of transporting and possessing indecent images of children.

US officials claim Wilkins had set up an online site enabling him to arrange to meet boys, but was reportedly caught in a sting operation in Palm Springs by undercover Homeland Security Department special agents.

Wilkins has now reportedly pleaded not guilty to all four charges and will stand trial in November.

EDUCATION

Fairer funding delayed again

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SCHOOLS in the Ely area were given an end-of-term kick in the teeth – with news that the Government is postponing plans for fairer school funding.

New Education Secretary Justine Greening has revealed that plans to bring in a fairer system in the 2017-18 academic year are being put on hold.

The announcement is a major blow to Cambridgeshire, where schools get an average of £4,200 a year to spend on each pupil, as against an average of £6,300 for the highest-funded areas.

Through its Fair Deal For Our Schools campaign, the *Ely News* sister title, the *Cambridge News*, has been battling to get the cash formula changed – and last November, then-Chancellor George Osborne said the Government had agreed to take action and overhaul the system.

Ms Greening told MPs: "The Government is firmly committed to introducing fairer funding for schools, high needs and early years. This is an important reform, which will fairly and transparently allocate funding on the basis of schools' and children's actual needs, rather than simply on historic levels of funding tied to out-of-date local information."

But she added: "I am also confirming that, for 2017-18, we will retain the current minimum funding guarantee for schools, so that no school can face a funding reduction of more than 1.5 per cent per pupil next year in what it receives through the local authority funding formula.

"To ensure that local authorities can start planning their budgets for next year with certainty, I do not intend to proceed, for 2017-18, with proposals to create a new central schools block, allow local flexibility on the minimum funding guarantee or to ring-fence the schools block within the dedicated schools grant.

"These will be covered, for 2018-19 and beyond, in my response to the first stage consultation in the autumn."

South East Cambs MP Lucy Frazer says she is "disappointed" by the news. She said: "I have written to the Secretary of State for Education to express my views.

"I have reiterated how the current formula affects our region, and highlighted the differences in funding, with pupils in Cambridgeshire receiving significantly less per head than the highest-funded areas.

"Despite the delay, I am pleased that the Government is still committed to the funding formula. I hope the delay will provide the opportunity to ensure the best possible decisions are made for the formula's implementation, and will continue to campaign for my constituents on this important issue."

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Concern over homes plan

EAST Cambridgeshire District Council awarding itself planning approval for a property development in Barton Road on the site of the existing coach parking area is a prospect which I view with great concern both over the principle of approving one's own plans and the apparent "dash for cash" that it represents.

Following a visit to the display in Ely library regarding the application I would like to make the following observations:

1) Proposed future provision for coaches in Barton Road.

From the display and documentation at Ely library it was clear that the single coach set-down/pick-up point arrangement as proposed is unsatisfactory. The proposed coach turning path for a 12m coach is insufficient, modern 57-seat tourist coaches are 14m long, and continental coaches can also carry a rear extension for baggage that adds a further metre to their length. Any coach that cannot complete the turning manoeuvre in the space available will be a safety hazard to other car park users. Similarly, because of the restricted view provided around the end of the new housing on approach from the Cambridge Road, a second coach would be commencing to turn in to the parking area before being able to see that it is already occupied.

2) Environmental impacts:

The transport assessment submitted took no account of the environmental impact of displacing existing coach parking to the city perimeter. No information was submitted about the number of coach movements that would be affected. At present, especially during summer months, Barton Road coach bays are in near constant daytime use to set-down and pick-up passengers or to park-up for the time of their visit. Moving off-road coach parking provision to the city perimeter means coach movements and miles travelled in the cty centre must increase, with consequent effects on air quality, noise levels, road congestion and pedestrian safety.

3) Economic impacts:

Coach tourism is a significant part of the local economy so changes making more difficulty for operators to bring their customers to Ely and then get them back out again can only harm this industry. The tourism service is already aware that some operators do not include Ely in their programmes for this reason and in consequence the retail sector suffers, which in turn affects council revenues.

4) Architectural suitability of the development

The style of the properties proposed in this application is in no way in keeping with existing properties in Barton Road, so although they may be similar to other areas of the city they would always look out of place with the immediate surroundings. It would actually be better to place this development on Parade Lane, where it would at least be less intrusive than on Barton Road.

My conclusion is while this proposal may provide a short-term cash injection to the district, it will be to the long term disadvantage of the majority of residents in East Cambridgeshire and in particular to the residents of Ely.

David Godsmark
Barton Road
Ely

Smiles all round at museum fun day

PRICKWILLOW Drainage Engine Museum was a hive of activity on Sunday.

The museum threw its doors open for a family fun day, which saw people of all ages enjoying percussion workshops, tours and nature trails, as well as face painting, Morris dancing and, of course, engine runs.

In the afternoon, there was also a gathering to celebrate the fact the museum's rare 1921 Vickers-Petter engine is now back up and running.

The restoration and repairs were made possible thanks to a £5,749 grant from the Association of Industrial Archaeology, private donations and countless volunteer hours.

The museum says the engine has always been a particular favourite with visitors as it requires blowlamps to heat up the cylinder heads before it can be started.

Representatives from the organisations, companies and individuals who have helped the museum during the restoration and repair process came together to see the engine running again.

Upcoming events at the museum include a special nostalgia day on August 21 and the ever-popular ploughing festival on October 1 and 2.

Visit prickwillow-engine-museum.co.uk to find out more.

Bypass: Don't get excited

I FAIL to see how your headline this week (*News*, July 21) deserved its page one status when one considers the endless delays we've all experienced.

Surely your banner should have read "About Time Too"?

I moved here in 1998 and people were talking about a bypass even then, such were the delays at the crossing 18 years ago.

Instead we've had meeting after meeting to discuss the obvious to say nothing of the ridiculous interference by English Heritage, the group that, had they been in existence then would have surely objected to the invention of the wheel.

It's interesting that these announcements are always the work of "a spokesman" . . . why don't these people put their name to statements – could it be that their words are more in hope than expectation?

As for the start date, don't get excited folks – it'll probably be too wet, too dry, too foggy or someone will go on strike (and, god help us, they will discover some great crested newts).

My prediction: Bypass opening 2018.

Graham Jones
Windmill Close
Ely

Hunts omitted from research

I AGREE with Mr Woollard on the Hunting Act.

Also I will add, although fox hunting with dogs is banned, these hunts still operate in England and Wales, with most, in the very area where TB infection rates are the highest. These hunts with dogs start in August through to October (cub hunting). Then from November through to May (fox hunting).

As far as I am aware, as yet these hunts that race over farmers' land (the TB bacteria can survive for months on fields and in the soil) have been omitted from research by DEFRA in controlling TB in cattle, but would rather use killing the badger who is used as a "scapegoat". Which now begs the motive, moral and ethical questions . . . why ?

Alison Arnold
Fleetwood
Ely

Transport rules must be relaxed

BUSES, taxis and hire cars are all prevented from competing with one another through a series of regulations.

For example, taxis are not allowed to operate a multi-passenger pick-up service (fill their cab) and buses are not allowed to vary their route depending on the passengers they have. There are many other perverse rules!

It is only a matter of time before Uber puts a coach and horses through these regulations anyway.

Shouldn't all these rules be relaxed to enable more efficient use of both vehicles and roads to ensue?

Simple licences for drivers and vehicles to ensure they are safe seems to me to be sufficient. The market could then innovate new business models that would improve passenger transport for cities, towns, and villages.

Dr Peter Dawe
Broad Street
Ely

Time for council to come clean

ISN'T it time East Cambs District Council (ECDA) came clean on the Local Authority Trading Company

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(LATC) (about to develop Barton Road, once the inevitable planning permission is granted, by ECDC)?

Councillors have approved we borrow at least £5m (for which we as taxpayers will ultimately be responsible for repaying) to then lend to the LATC at a generous rate of interest but with no scheduled or guaranteed repayment.

This will enable the LATC to buy 'our' land and to develop it, notionally for 'us' to benefit once individual salaries of £100,000+, expenses & pensions are deducted.

Failure and financial loss, however, ultimately rests with the council (or, in other words, every East Cambs resident would have to pay). The salaries and expenses will have gone.

To gamble is one thing, for us to borrow money (for someone else) to gamble with is quite another. Where is our security?

Cllr Palmer is on record as saying: 'the LATC is a leap of faith'.

Austerity measures at ECDC have involved staff cuts, redundancies, chaos in planning and other departments and closure of facilities. How do ECDC senior management and councillors reconcile such cutbacks with this expensive new gravy train?

Kim Griffin
Arundell
Ely

Will village get relief road?

I'VE been researching my family tree now nearly every day for over six years, which has been so fascinating and interesting . . . I discovered some years ago that my great grandparents and ancestors before lived in Wilburton and nearby villages.

It was the culmination of this meticulous research, that I would describe both of my visits last summer and this week gone by as Wilburton should be a nice,wee, quiet rural village much of it untouched from years ago.

The main high street that runs through the village that has St Peter's church and graveyard next to it I found quite amazing! Every kind of vehicle of all sizes and description, even huge continental trucks, trundle through this village not much different than a motorway. Try crossing on foot like I did and you literally take your life in your hands. My guess is that the villagers have turned a blind eye over the years to all this unnecessary vehicle disruption, but can any of your readers please tell me if there are plans to create a by-pass around the village? Maybe then it can return again to its once peaceful past . . .

John Boak
Ashington
Northumberland

Concern over rise in racism

I APOLOGISE to D Donald for the offence seemingly caused by my recent letter.

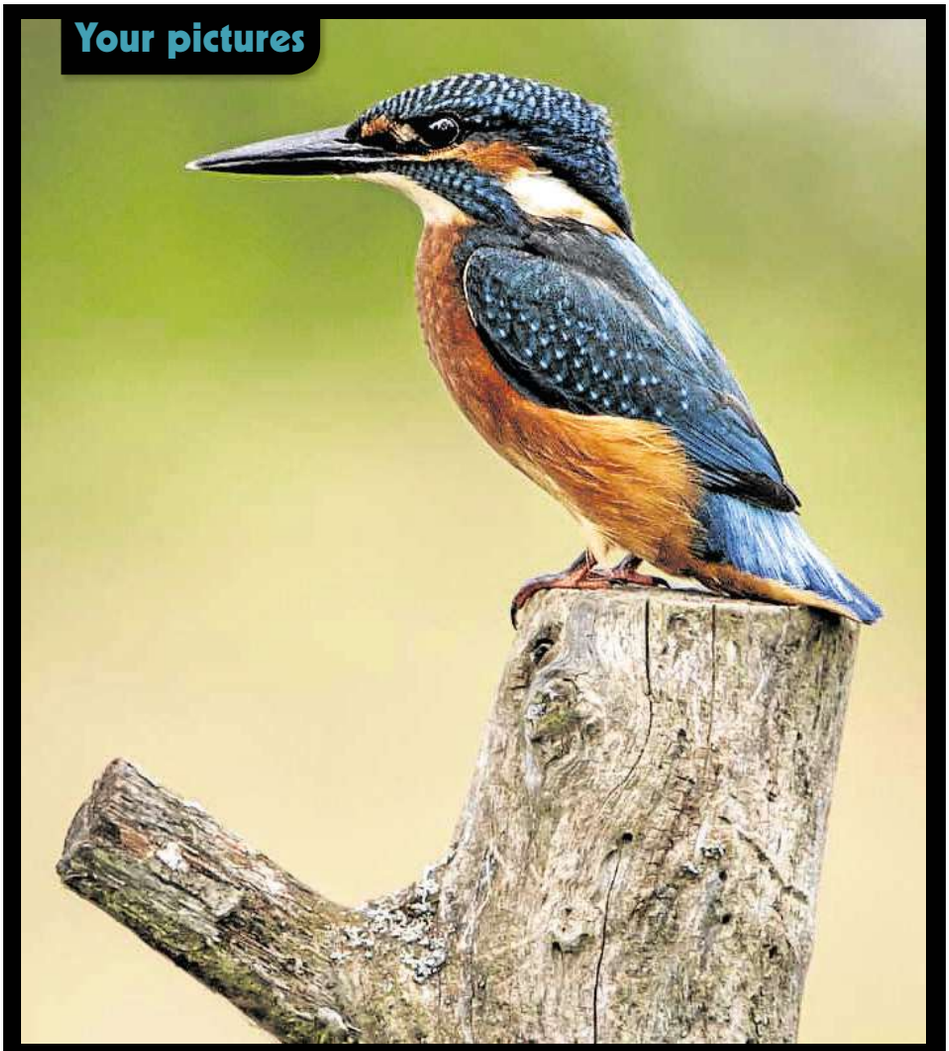
However, it is ironic that he cites US immigration policies as a model, while in the same breath referring to his own very commendable volunteer work in poor black and Hispanic communities in the United States. The fact is that the US has one of the most racially divided populations in the world hardly provides us with a model of tolerance and fairness. And let's not forget that America's black population is, in the main, not an immigrant population; it was taken there by force.

Having said that, I am all for a sensible immigration policy. I respect hard work and despise scrounging, as I made clear in my letter. What concerns me is not the policy but the rise in racist behaviour towards immigrants already here, which I have experienced personally in London recently and which is far more widespread than Mr Donald seems to realise. I and others like me, reside here legally, for just reasons and we should be left in peace, as I am sure he will agree.

As to the challenge of translating short English sentences to Polish, I would like to point Mr Donald in the direction of Google Translate (https://translate.google.co.uk) a much more likely explanation to the apparent mystery than the implication that Poles may have produced the offending leaflets themselves!

M Johnson
Witchford

Your pictures



BIRD WATCH: Kevin Pigney, who lives in Burwell and is a member of Ely Photographic Club, sent us this stunning photograph of a Kingfisher.

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Our history shows us when the odds are against us we can succeed in the end.

O ye of little faith STOP TALKING US DOWN.

Angela Moody
Address supplied.

Unfair to blame Polish people

RE: D. Donald's letter Time to look at the facts alone . . .

How can the author of this letter purport to be stating the "facts" about immigration, resources and infrastructure and then continue with such an obviously prejudiced statement that "Perhaps we should do well to consider how Polish people, generally, fail to integrate."

If the anecdotal "evidence" that she supplies equates to facts, then perhaps I may be allowed to provide some of my own . . . My family and I have met many Polish people over our time in Ely, and have become very good friends with one family in particular. Over these past 11 years they have worked hard, paid taxes, studied, taken part in charity walks and runs and played a full and integrated part as members of our community. They have exactly the same hopes, fears and aspirations as anyone else.

Don't let your views become blinded by hate Ms Donald. I think there seems to be an underlying sadness in your letter; you say you feel like an outcast. To lay the blame for your feelings at the door of Polish people is grossly unfair.

P. Colebourne
Tennyson Place
Ely

REVIEW

Viva's production of *The Little Mermaid* in St Andrew's Church, Soham

Viva's production of *The Little Mermaid* was a wonderful treat.

Directors Ben Clark and Lee Sherwood, musical director Gemma Perry, choreographer Louise Plummer and the team are to be congratulated for not only putting on a very good show, but for involving almost 70 children in the cast, over half of whom were new to Viva. What a challenge! The challenge was indeed well met and the calypso numbers that filled the stage and aisle with so many of the performers were among the best.

Macey Bennett was the beautiful mermaid Ariel always drawn to things above the sea and eventually marrying her human prince. Alfie Peckham (Prince Eric) was indeed a handsome prince who could act and sing with the best of them. One of the most charismatic characters was Flounder, played by Sienna Warder, who really shone with the Mersisters especially in *She's in Love*. The Mersisters were wonderful characters too, played by Zara Minns, Izzy Avey-Walters, Summer Dowling, Lola MacDonald, Lily McMahon and Abby Cornwell.

Ursula, the bad witch, was magnificently portrayed by Lizi Nicholson who has a voice like Shirley Bassey's: resonant and full of emotion – just right for the part. The lovely reactions Sebastian (Kiera O'Reilly) had to the many dilemmas she met enlivened the show delightfully and she provided a fitting contrast to the older and wiser King Triton (Isaac Stares). Other wonderful characters included knife-wielding Chef Louis (Katie Kirkpatrick), Sea Horse (Lauren Grosvenor), a grim Grimsby (Daniel Allgood), the beautiful Carlotta (Phyllida Hickish), the sinister workers for the witch Flotsam (Megan Godfrey) and Jetsam (Caitlin Eaton), the 'expert' on things human: Scuttle (Alex Burns) and the unmistakable squawking Gulls (Holly Pryke, Siobhan Fordham and Tabby Kirk).

As the full ensemble gathered for their final bow the enthusiastic audience let it known that this was indeed a wonderful show.

Viva's next production will be *Made in Dagenham* from July 27 to 30.

Rosemary Westwell

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Deaths

BROMLEY - ALLEN
Sylvia (Margaret)
(Nee Bradley)

Previously known as Carey and Davenport.

Sadly passed away after a short illness, 12th July, 2016. Aged 83 years. Much loved mum to Christopher, Dawn, Paul and David, dear mother-in-law to Marion, Debra and the late Joe, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Funeral service at Cambridge City Crematorium, West Chapel on Friday 5th August at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Palliative Nurses, Arthur Rank, c/o Co-op Funeral Care, 34 James Street, Cambridge, CB1 1HX.

LANGLEY
Anne Grace
Of Lily House, Ely, formerly of Witchford.

Passed away peacefully on Thursday July 21st 2016, aged 89 years. Loving wife of the late Don, mother to Billy, Jean, John, Michael and Anthony, mother-in-law of Dawn, Pete, Angela, Deidre and Sue, a loving grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother and sister of John and the late Brenda.

Funeral service at St. Andrews Church, Witchford on Thursday August 4th at 3.00pm followed by interment in Haddenham Parish Cemetery.

Family flowers only, donations if desired for Dementia UK will be gratefully received at the service or c/o

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Rhona, Elizabeth and Subra would like to thank all relatives, friends, doctors, nurses and carers for all their kindness and support during their very sad loss.

A special thank you to Rev Fiona Brampton for the funeral service, to all who attended and for donations given in memory of Cecil for The International League for the Protection of Horses and Macmillan Cancer Support which amounts to £905.00 to date.

In Memoriam

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WINNER: Fastest woman Lisa Marriott receives her trophy.

Runners compete in annual 10K

AROUND 120 people took on the annual Littleport 10K on Sunday.

As ever, the race was organised by the leisure centre, and included a fun run for youngsters.

The fastest man was James Whitehead, from Peterborough Athletic Club. Amittai Ben-Israel, also from Peterborough Athletic Club, was second and Adam Matthews, from Riston Runners, was third.

The fastest woman was Lisa Marriott, from Ramsey Road Runners. Debra Wait, from March Athletic Club, came second, and Cheryl Trundle, from Haverhill Running Club, came third.

Liam Lambert, 13, and Tia Stiddard, 9, won the fun run.

COURT

Man jailed for breaching ban

JOSH **THOMAS**
@JoshThomasCN

A MAN has been jailed for "fragrantly" breaching a restraining order banning him from seeing his ex-wife, leaving her "fearing what he may do next".

Wayne O'Reilly was banned from contacting his former wife after he was convicted of battery offences against her.

Despite the restraining order, he sent her emails trying to organise a meeting with his children and, on May 24, turned up unannounced at her workplace, forcing her to hide and pretend she was not there.

O'Reilly, of Kingfisher Drive, Soham, appeared at Cambridge Crown Court last Wednesday. He had previously pleaded guilty to breaching his restraining order.

Prosecuting, James Earle told the court: "The defendant turned up unannounced at her workplace. She had to ask for help from one of her colleagues and they ushered her out of view."

In a statement, O'Reilly's ex-wife said: "I am constantly looking over my shoulder all the time. I am scared of him. I am worried about what he might do next. I am always on my guard. He is really scaring me."

In mitigation, Gemma Stokes said that O'Reilly's life had "spiralled out of control" when he had been stopped from seeing his children, and that he had started "drinking heavily".

O'Reilly was jailed for 13 months.

DEVELOPMENT

Have your say on Soham plans

PLANS to build up to 32 new homes in Soham are the subject of a public exhibition in the town this Saturday.

Pistol Holdings Ltd are starting to work up proposals for land at Mereside and will be submitting a planning application soon.

The exhibition is being held at Soham Town Rangers Football Club, in Julius Martin Lane, from 11am-2pm to enable residents to view the plans and have their say.

The plans involve building up to 32 new family homes with a mix of sizes, up to five bedrooms, as well as car parking.

COMMUNITY

Cancer charity to benefit from ride

CYCLISTS are being urged to use their pedal power to help raise funds for Prostate Cancer UK.

The Ouse and Washes Rotary Charity Cycle Ride, organised by local Rotary clubs, is being held at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust in Welney this Sunday.

There are three routes to choose from; 100km, 50km and 25km – enabling cyclists of all ages and abilities to take part.

Registration starts at 9.30am and the cost is £15 for individuals and £25 for families (two adults and three children over 9).

Visit ousewashes rotaryride.org.uk.

WINNERS: The charity, which supports local children with autism and additional needs, scooped the Community Achievement Award.

Little Miracles charity happy with win

LITTLE Miracles Cambridge, Ely and Newmarket has won a prestigious award.

The charity, which is based at the Ely Community Centre and supports local children with autism and additional needs, scooped the Community Achievement Award at the annual Luminus Community Inspiration Awards.

Justin Heron, the charity's operations manager, said: "It's hard to find the words to describe how happy we are to see our work recognised in this way, especially amongst such distinguished finalists.

"We have come a long way in a very short period of time and we can't thank our volunteers, members, supporters and the local community enough for believing in us in the way that they have."

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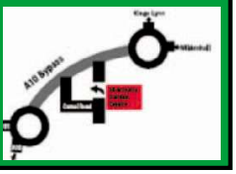

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Ely

■ Cathy Bayford hosting a dress in a day workshop at Sew Much To Do on Friday from 9.30am-4.30pm. Call (01353) 664000.
■ Artist, designer and sculptor Andrew Hull demonstrating his work at The Treasure Chest, in High Street Passage, on Saturday and Sunday.
■ Littleport Timebank hosting art workshop at the Babylon Gallery on Sunday from 12-4pm. All ages welcome. Call 07702 517746.
■ Tea Time Plus at Ely Methodist Church on Sunday from 3-5.45pm. Worship, discussion, crafts and refreshments. All ages welcome.
■ Dance Divine Summer School at Octagon Studios from August 1-5. Ballet, contemporary dance and jazz workshop week suitable for ages 13 and over. 10.30am-4pm daily. Call (01353) 661919.
■ Special quest children's holiday club at the Countess Free Church from August 1-5. Call (01353) 662396.
■ Street dance summer holiday workshop at Youth Ely Hub on Tuesday, August 2 from 8.30am-6pm. Call 07771 664961.
■ Sarah Hunt hosting children's glass fusing workshop at the Stained Glass Museum on Wednesday, August 3 from 2-4pm. Suitable for aged 8 and over. Call (01353) 660347.
■ Mothers' Union meeting at Ely Cathedral Centre on Wednesday, August 3 at 7.30pm. Call (01353) 667735.

Haddenham

■ Debbie Bellaby hosting a kids story boxes workshop at Haddenham Galleries on Thursday from 10am-4pm. On Saturday, Mo Childs is then hosting a fairytale illustration workshop for adults from 1-4pm. Call (01353) 749188.

Littleport

■ Texas Hold 'Em Poker tournament at the leisure centre on Friday from 7.30pm. Call (01353) 860600.
■ Children's soft play sessions at the leisure centre on Monday, August 1 from 10am-2pm and Wednesday, August 3 from 9am-12pm. Suitable for children aged 6 and under. Cost is £2.60 per child. Call (01353) 860600.
■ Quiz night at The Crown Inn on Tuesday, August 2 at 7pm. Call (01353) 862700.
■ Olympics fun for children at the leisure centre on Monday, August 1 and Tuesday, August 2 from 10am-2pm. On Wednesday, August 3 there is kwik cricket from 1-3pm and on Friday, August 5 there is dodgeball from 2-4pm. Call (01353) 860600.
■ Superheroes themed children's holiday club at the Vine Community Church from August 8-12. Suitable for children in Years 1-6 and running from 9.30am-noon each day. Call 07790 304099 or 07932 637071.

Little Thetford

■ Playright Youth Theatre running a Shakespeare themed summer drama workshop at the village hall from August 1-5. Running from 10am-3.30pm each day. Call 07794 621055.

Prickwillow

■ Prize bingo night at Hiam Sports and Social Club on Saturday in aid of the East Anglian Air Ambulance. Doors open at 7pm, eyes down at 8pm. On Sunday, David Last is then hosting a tea dance from 2-5pm. Call (01353) 699269.

Soham

■ Bingo night at The Carpenter's Arms on Sunday from 8pm. Call (01353) 722026.
■ Dinosaur Week summer holiday fun at South Angle Farm Park from August 1-5. Open everyday from 10am-4pm. Call (01353) 720932

Stuntney

■ Stuntney and District Gardening Club meeting at the social club on Monday, August 1 at 7pm. Call 07775 503595.

Welney

■ Ouse Washes Rotary Cycle Ride for Prostate Cancer at WWT Welney on Sunday. 100km, 50km and 25km routes to choose from. Registration from 9.30am. Call 07930 159930.

Gala day raises over £6k for RSPCA

FUN and frolics at the RSPCA Block Fen Animal Centre have raised more than £6,000 for the animals in its care.

The centre says its annual gala day and fun dog show on July 16 was a huge success. A spokeswoman for the centre, based in Wimblington, said: "We had an amazing day and we are absolutely delighted with the amount raised.

"We cannot thank everyone enough for making the event such a success."

To see some of the animals looking for homes, visit rspca.org.uk/local/block-fen-animal-centre.

GRATEFUL: Staff at the centre say they are "delighted" with the success of the fundraising event.

FUNDRAISING

Charlie, 9, takes to the water for Oxfam

MAKING A SPLASH: Charlie did his wakeboarding and kneeboarding challenge for Oxfam.

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

A SCHOOLBOY has used his love of watersports to help raise much-needed funds for charity.

Charlie Saberton, 9, completed a 10-mile sponsored wakeboarding and kneeboarding challenge on Saturday.

Charlie, who lives with his mum, Rachel, dad, Karl, and sister Scarlet, 5, in Soham, decided to take on the challenge to raise as much money as he could for Oxfam.

The St Andrew's Primary School pupil took to the water at the Fenland Water Ski Club at Wiggenhall St Germans, near King's Lynn, and wakeboarded for five miles before kneeboarding for a further five miles.

He completed his challenge in an hour and so far has raised more than £500 for Oxfam, which works to support some of the world's poorest families.

Rachel said: "The challenge came about following a discussion over breakfast about poverty in the world.

"Charlie is used to wakeboarding/kneeboarding 2.5 miles, which is bridge to bridge, so to do twice up the river and back proved very strenuous for him.

"With his wakeboard, his feet are in bindings which are attached to the board so his feet were in that position for the duration of the activity.

"It is also about balancing and leaning. Charlie does make it look effortless, when he pulls out to the side and cuts across the wake (which he started to do), but that's what takes a lot of energy up.

"He was disappointed as he fell off once as the board dug into the water but I reassured him that at 9 years of age I don't think people would hold that against him.

"Again with kneeboarding, you are kneeling on a board with a strap across your knees. It's all about balance and body position, and again is very strenuous as you are pulling out to cut across the wake off the boat.

"Unfortunately when Charlie landed a jump on the board, he let go of his rope so was in the water which annoyed him, so we picked him back up and off he went to complete his challenge."

Rachel said: "We presented Charlie with a trophy at the end and we are very proud of him.

"So far he has raised £515 for Oxfam. He decided he wanted to do something to help children who are not as fortunate as himself.

"He loves his watersports and enjoyed the challenge, but he definitely found it more tiring and strenuous than he thought he would.

"Thank you to everybody who has supported Charlie, the Fenland Water Ski Club and Surf 55."

To sponsor Charlie, visit justgiving.com/Charlie-saberton.

To find out more about the Fenland Water Ski Club, go to fenlandwaterskiclub.co.uk.

CRIME

Thieves steal gift voucher

CUFFLINKS and a Marks and Spencer gift voucher were stolen during a burglary in Littleport.

Thieves broke into the home in Wisbech Road some time between 10.30am and 3pm last Tuesday.

The offenders ransacked an upstairs bedroom before making off with items including the gift voucher, several pairs of cufflinks and a tie clip.

A spokeswoman for Cambridgeshire police said: "We were called at about 5.45pm on Tuesday, July 19, with reports of a burglary at a home in Wisbech Road, Littleport.

"It is believed offenders entered the property via a rear door between about 10.30am and 3pm.

"The downstairs of the property was untouched, however an upstairs bedroom was ransacked.

"The thieves left with several pairs of cufflinks, a tie clip and a £50 Marks and Spencer gift voucher."

Anyone with any information about the break-in, or who has been offered any of the items mentioned, is urged to call police on 101.

Alternatively, call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

HEALTH

Improving people's health

A NEW project is being launched in a bid to improve local residents' health and wellbeing.

The five-year Fit for the Future programme is the brainchild of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group, and it covers hospital services, community healthcare, mental health, social care and GP services across the county.

Dr Gary Howsam, the group's clinical chair, said: "We need to change the way we meet the health and care needs of our 900,000+ residents. Our plan aims to improve the quality of services we provide, encourage and support people to take action to maintain their own health and wellbeing."

Dr Alex Gimson, consultant physician and hepatologist at Addenbrooke's, said: "The plan has been developed by clinicians and managers, and we recognise the scale of changes required is significant and that delivery will be challenging.

"We want staff, patients, carers and the public to be the centre of this programme – to hear their thoughts on this plan and help shape services – as it will only be successful if we work out the details together."

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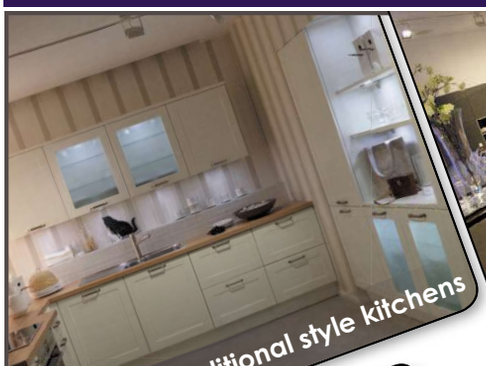

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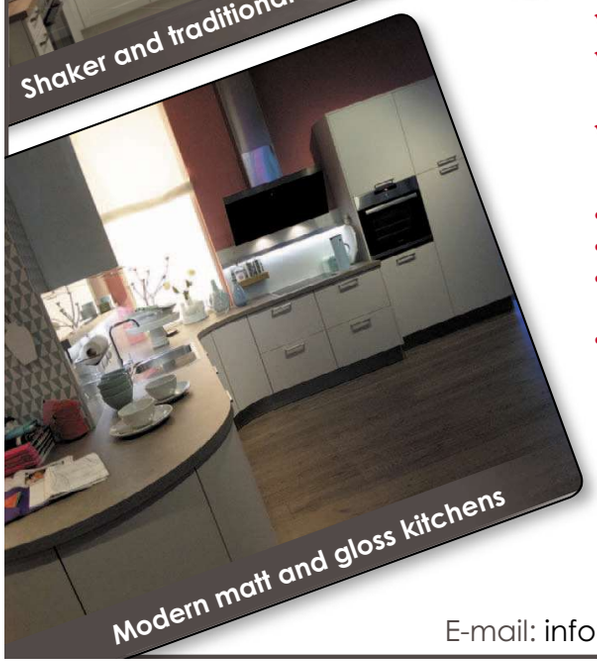

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Plans for new homes

NEW homes are planned for Wilburton and Wardy Hill.

Mr and Mrs Hurst have applied to build two detached dwellings at Flexon House, Stretham Road, Wilburton, and Mr T Whitehand, of The Rampart, Haddenham, wants to build a replacement farmhouse at Witcham Bridge Farm, Witcham Bridge Drove, Wardy Hill.

Decisions are expected within eight weeks. To have your say, visit eastcambs.gov.uk.

Fun dog show raises cash for good causes

TWO local charities are benefiting from the success of a fun dog show held in Sutton last month.

Poplar Farm Rescue Kennels in Sutton Gault and Ely's K9 Cafe have both received donations of around £100 each.

Local dog trainer Mel Thomason, who organised the show alongside the Sutton Feast Committee, has now handed over the cheques.

COURT

Woman jailed after being found guilty of stabbing

JAILED: Sarah Bowers, of Market Street, Soham, has been jailed for seven years.

JOSH **THOMAS**
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AN ATTACKER has been handed a long jail sentence after she stabbed a woman in the back and then tried to persuade two teenage girls to help her hide the knife.

Sarah Bowers, 29, stabbed a female guest in the back as she tried to flee after a falling out on February 2.

Bowers, of Market Street, Soham, was found guilty at Cambridge Crown Court last Thursday of wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

The jury reached a unanimous decision after deliberating for less than an hour.

Bowers was given a seven-year prison sentence and a restraining order banning her from contacting her victim or either of the young witnesses.

Claire Matthews, prosecuting, said: "People were drinking, chatting and listening to music. For reasons that are unclear, the mood quickly changed. The defendant armed herself with a knife from the kitchen and approached the victim.

"Alerted to the immediate threat, she turned to see the defendant coming towards her with a knife. She tried to escape, but was stabbed once from behind."

Pc Jamie Brown was called to the scene at 4.54pm by the ambulance service. "I was called through into the living room," he said. "I saw the victim. There were numerous blood spots and blood sprayed on the walls. The bathroom floor also had a lot of blood on it and there was blood smeared on the floor."

The court heard Bowers had stabbed her victim and then tried to give the knife to two teenage girls who were passing.

Speaking in court, one of the girls, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, said: "She was panicking a lot and was shaking a lot as well."

The girl described seeing inside the flat.

"I saw blood everywhere," she said. "I saw someone lying there and there was blood everywhere. I freaked out completely."

The other girl said: "I heard Sarah Bowers saying 'can you hide this knife?'. I never saw the knife but I know she had it on her. She was saying out loud 'I need something to put this knife in. I need a sock or something'."

Giving evidence, Bowers said she had not stabbed anyone or tried to dispose of a knife. She said another person in the flat or an intruder from outside must have caused the injury.

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The Government presently estimate the UK's housing shortage to be near 2 million homes, a figure that is growing year on year, as the UK's population increases. There is no doubt that the housing crisis exists, with many young people being forced to live with their families well into their 30's, because they cannot afford a home of their own. The implications of our country's failure to provide new homes results in worsening affordability, restraint on economic growth and adverse social impacts on people and communities.

Gladman are proposing a new residential development on land east of Marroway Lane, Witchford and as a strategic land promoter are responding to government policy and the recognised need for new homes.

We will shortly be carrying out a public consultation exercise which will provide an opportunity for local residents, businesses and organisations to learn about our draft proposals. This will be your first opportunity to tell us what is important to you and what you would like to see as part of the proposed development.

We give very careful consideration to the sites we choose, identifying sensible sustainable locations for development, in areas where councils cannot meet their full housing needs. We appreciate that people who live within the immediate vicinity of our proposals may have concerns; however these need to be balanced against the requirement to provide much needed new homes, to meet the differing needs of an increasing population and to address housing affordability.

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The proposals also provide local residents with an opportunity to identify projects and initiatives that could be funded by the new development. It is important that your community benefits in the widest possible way, therefore if you are aware of any projects that could be considered please do let us or your local Council know.

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ROADS on two housing developments in Ely have finally been adopted by the county council – much to the relief of residents.

Alexander Chase and Meadow Way are both part of new developments in the city.

It is the responsibility of developers to ask for their roads to be adopted – and that they are brought up to standard – before the county council can take them over.

This is to make sure taxpayers are not faced with the cost of maintaining substandard roads and streets.

County Cllr Anna Bailey, local member for Ely South and West ward, and district Cllr Coralie Green, who represents Ely South ward, are among those who have been working to get the roads adopted.

Cllr Bailey said: "I would like to thank the developers Kier for sorting out the issues and the county council for working with us to get these roads adopted.

"It is important for residents that the new homes they are moving into are part of the council's network and it is equally vital that developers do that work to make sure taxpayers are not left footing the bill."

Cllr Green said: "There were a few stumbling blocks that we had to get over but it was good that we could help remove those barriers and understand the issues.

"I would like to thank those residents who helped bring about some of the changes to allow the roads to be adopted."

Cllr Bailey said they were still working hard to get Darwin Close and Collier Close in Ely adopted.

INVOLVED: Cllr Anna Bailey, left, with Cllr Coralie Green

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Ambulance charity given cash boost

A CHARITY which grants wishes to terminally ill patients has been given a £250 boost.

The Ely United Lodge of Instruction has donated the money to Ambulance Wish Foundation UK.

Hannah Schumann, who is from Soham and works as a paramedic in Mildenhall, collected the donation on behalf of the charity.

The foundation is based on a Dutch charity established in 2007 by ambulance driver Kees Veldboer.

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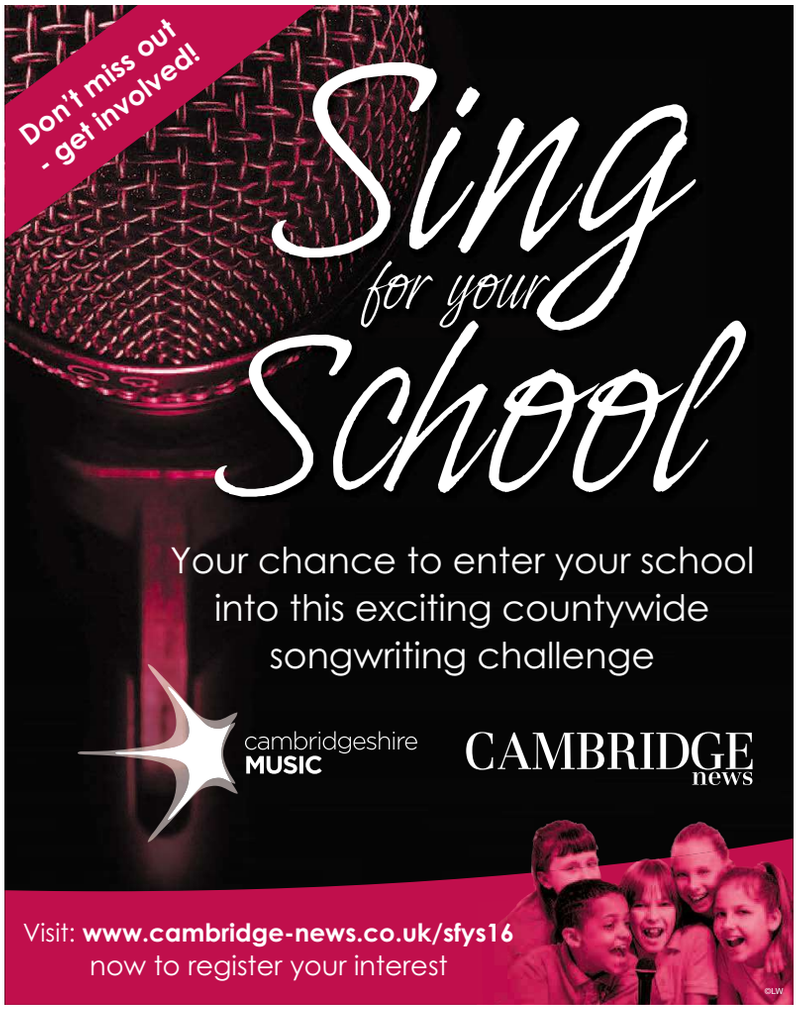

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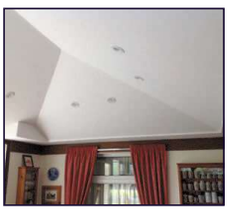

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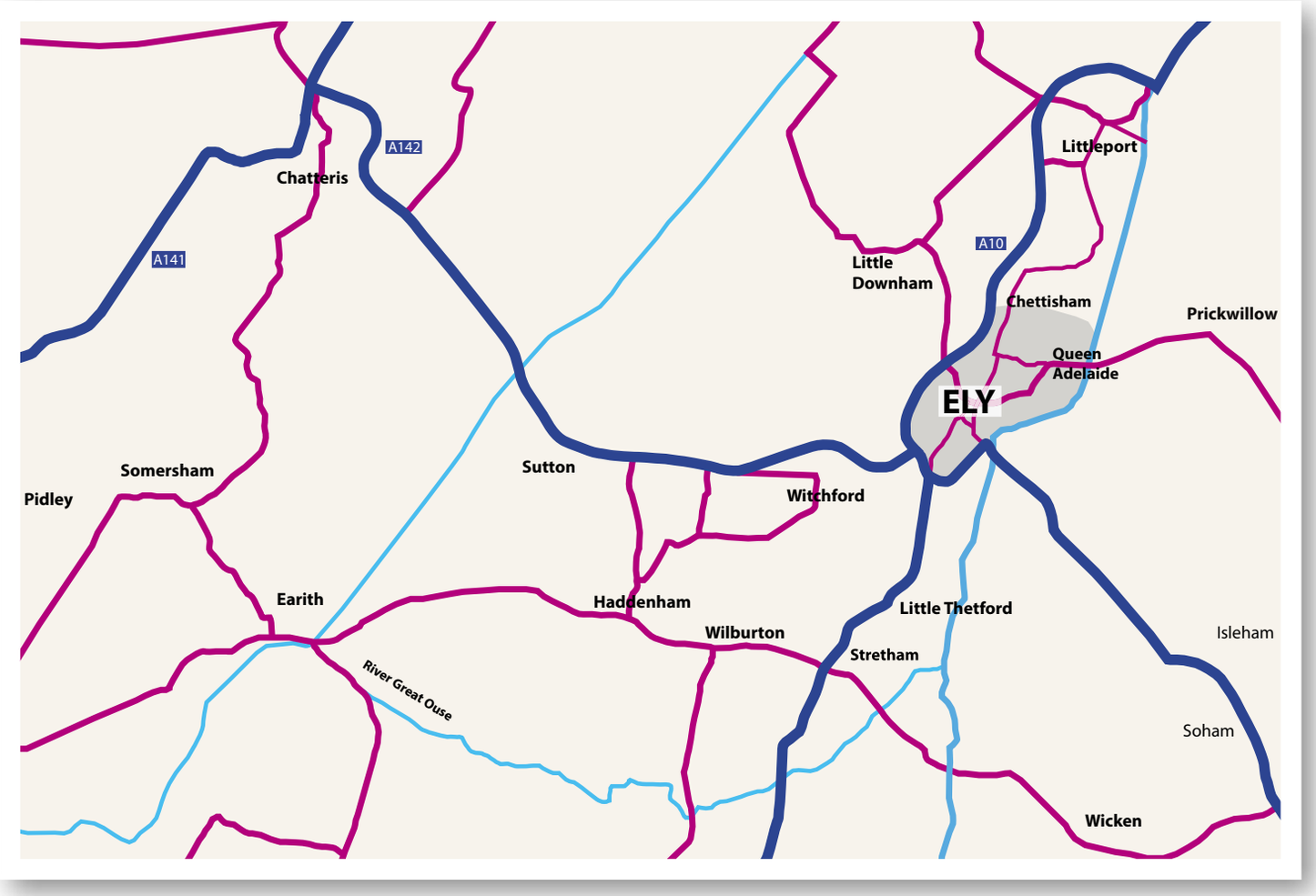

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47m² 1 2 1 1 EPC D

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Wilburton £380,000

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Littleport £350,000

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A 3 bedroom terrace house set in village location. Dining room with working fire place. Lounge with French doors leading out to rear garden. Kitchen with gas hob, oven & single rear door to garden. Family bathroom with 3 piece white suite & shower over bath. Rear garden with patio area. EPC Band C (70)

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Coveney EPC F
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Perfect For First Time Buyers
Littleport
O.I.E.O. £235,000
EPC C
This home has been perfect for our vendor for the past three years and it is only due to the imminent arrival of a new family member they are seeking a bigger property. Our vendor is a local lady who has lived in Littleport all her life, which just goes to show how perfect the village of Littleport is (not to mention the property they have found is also in Littleport!). The home is presented immaculately! Downstairs has a great amount of space for any family, offering a spacious L shape lounge as well as a well proportioned kitchen/diner. The addition of the conservatory come play room, means anyone with children has enough space for them to play whilst you can relax. HRT10205
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97% Of Asking Price Achieved O.I.E.O. £400,000
Ely EPC N/A
A Stunning grade II listed home that's been snapped up leaving us with a very happy vendor! Use haart to get your City centre home sold. HRT0123
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Ely EPC B
Not only have we sold this delightful modern home, the vendors have also secured the homeof their dreasm through haart! HRT0169
Snapped up in only a few weeks!

101% Of Asking Price Achieved £270,000
Littleport EPC B
This property had surprisingly been on the market for months with a previous agent. Knowing we had the buyers, haart managed to get an offer in less than a month! Struggling to move? Then give haart a go. HRT0150
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Ely £245,000

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- Centrally located
- 2 bedrooms
- Kitchen diner
- Lounge
- Garage & garden
- EPC Rating D

Witchford £300,000

- Recently built semi-detached property
- Non-estate location
- Living/dining room
- 3 Bedrooms
- En-suite to master
- Parking and garden
- EPC tba

Ely £210,000

- Modern mid terrace house
- 2 Bedrooms
- Lounge/diner
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking space
- Enclosed rear garden
- EPC D

Ely £315,000

- Modern semi townhouse
- Popular location
- Fitted kitchen
- Dining room /4th bedroom
- En-suite to master bedroom
- 2 further double bedrooms
- Garage and garden
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Littleport £350,000

- Spacious detached bungalow
- Refurbished to a high standard
- Large lounge/diner
- Fitted Kitchen/breakfast room
- Utility
- 3 Double bedrooms
- En-suite to master
- EPC tba

Sutton £549,950

- Detached modern family home
- Under floor heating
- 4 Double bedrooms
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Witchford £375,000

- Extended detached family home
- Cul de sac location
- 3 Double bedrooms
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Ely £184,950

- Modernisation project
- Established city center location
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Sutton £745,000

- Grade II listed detached family home
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Wilburton £320,000

- Residential investment opportunity
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Haddenham O.I.R.O £500,000

- Non estate location
- Detached house
- 0.75 acre s.t.s.
- 4 bedrooms
- Split level lounge/dining
- Study and Sauna
- Outbuilding
- EPC Rating E

Ely £160,000

- One Bedroom Starter Home
- Close to City Centre
- Double Bedroom
- Electric Heating
- Allocated Parking
- EPC Band E

Coveney O.I.R.O.£600,000

- Detached farmhouse
- 3 reception rooms
- Kitchen breakfast room
- 4 bedrooms
- En-suite & family bathroom
- Propane gas heating
- EPC Rating F

Stretham £297,950

- Modern detached house
- Popular location
- Fitted kitchen & utility
- 3 reception rooms
- 4 bedrooms
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- Parking
- EPC Rating D

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Service with a smile . . .

SUTTON Beer Festival is this weekend!

The annual event, now in its ninth year, is at St Andrew's Church on Friday, July 29, and Saturday, July 30.

A spokesman said: "New beers and ciders will be available and the usual array of chili, stew, sausage rolls and pork pies will also be on sale each evening.

"Saturday afternoon's family session will have a barbecue and a bouncy castle.

"Entry to evening sessions is £3 with half-price concessions for designated drivers.

"Saturday's family session is free entry.

"Festival glasses will be on sale at £2 each.

"All profits go to St Andrew's Church. We've raised over £8,000 through the last three years' festivals and hope to build on that once again. Thank you for your continued support!"

The festival is open from 6-11pm on Friday and 5-11pm on Saturday.

The family session on Saturday is from 12-5pm.

Beers include Julian Church, Lacons, Moonshine, Panther and Three Blind Mice.

Ciders include Beard and Sabre, and Pickled Pig.

Meadow Lane will be performing on the Friday evening and Elements Acoustic Duo will be playing on Saturday evening.

Tickets can be bought on the door.

the guide

ROUND UP

● COMEDIANS Lewis Bryan, Juliet Meyers, Darius Davies and John Gordilo are starring in a comedy night in Ely on Friday, July 29.
The event is at The Maltings. The bar opens at 7.15pm and doors open at 8pm. Tickets are £12.95 each by calling (01353) 662633.
Alternatively, pop into Burrows Bookshop in Ely or visit themaltingsely.org.uk.

● CITY of Ely Amateur Dramatic Society are staging Much Ado About Nothing at Ely College. The family-friendly production is from Thursday, July 28 through to Saturday, July 30.
Performances are at 7.30pm each night and tickets are £9. Call (01353) 669759 or pop into Burrows Bookshop in Ely. Alternatively, go to ticketsource.co.uk/elyamateurdramaticsociety.

● SOHAM'S Viva! Theatre Company are performing Made in Dagenham in the town.
With a talented cast of 30, the production is at The Brook from Wednesday, July 27 through to Saturday, July 30.
Performances are at 7.30pm each night and tickets are on sale now by calling (01353) 722228 or visiting wegottickets.com.

● REMEMBER Ousefest 2016 is running right the way through to July 31.
Organised by the Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership, the festival is a celebration of everything that makes the Ouse Washes landscape and surrounding Fenland area great. There are more than 100 events taking place across the region, including village tours, poetry workshops, folklore talks, art trails, photography exhibitions, theatre performances, craft workshops and film festivals.
For the full line-up, pick up a brochure from the *Ely News* office on Market Place or go to ousewashes.org.uk/ousefest.

MUSIC

New summer series

Launch of ADeC's Saturday summer afternoon concerts in Jubilee Gardens on July 30 from 2-4pm. Visit babylonarts.org.uk.

TALENTED local musicians Suzi Jodi and Josh Aitken are performing in Ely's Jubilee Gardens on Saturday, July 30.

They are launching Arts Development in East Cambridgeshire's (ADeC)'s new series of Saturday summer afternoon concerts.

A spokeswoman for ADeC said: "Everyone is encouraged to bring a picnic and enjoy some great music in beautiful surroundings. As always there will be a variety of music on offer to suit all tastes.

"The concerts start on July 30 with Suzi Jodi and Josh Aitken, two talented up and coming solo performers who have made their mark over the past 12 months by being regular performers at the local Innovation Music Nights.

"On August 13, local community music group Fenland Jam will be coming together to offer a mixture of rock and pop classics. Anyone interested in joining in is welcome to come along.

"And on August 20, Karen & Co. will bring the series to a close, performing their eclectic mix of melodic original songs and unusual covers."

All of the concerts will be at the bandstand in Jubilee Gardens from 2-4pm, and are free.

Visit babylonarts.org.uk to find out more.

MUSIC

Lunchtime concert and organ recital not to be missed . . .

MUSIC fans are in for a treat at Ely Cathedral on Sunday, July 31.

The Chiltern Choir, a friendly mixed-voice choir of around 70 members based in Chorleywood, Hertfordshire, are hosting a lunchtime concert there at 1.10pm.

And at 5.15pm, organist Matthew Jorysz is performing as part of the cathedral's exciting Sunday Organ Recitals programme.

The Chiltern Choir perform three or four concerts a year, usually consisting of one large scale work with an orchestra and two or three shorter ones.

Music is chosen from a wide spectrum of the choral repertoire ranging from madrigals to jazz, and from the serious to the flippantly light-hearted.

The choir has visited Paris, Chartres Cathedral and Amsterdam, and have sung in Norwich Cathedral and in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

They are coming to the cathedral as part of their tour of East Anglia.

Matthew is an organist at Westminster Abbey and his programme will include works by Mozart, Brahms, J.S. Bach and Howells.

Both events are free although usual cathedral admission prices apply.

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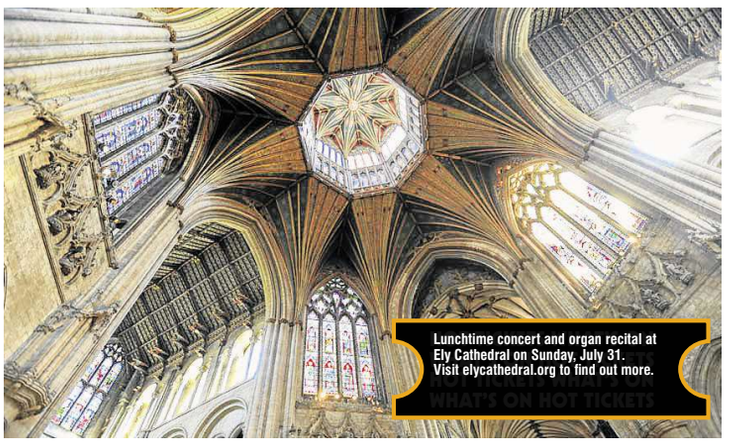

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the guide at the movies

What to watch out for at your cinema

STAR TREK BEYOND (12A)
CAPTAIN James T Kirk (Chris Pine) is considering relinquishing the bridge because "things have started to feel a little... episodic".

He keeps his plans secret from the rest of the crew including human-Vulcan science officer Spock (Zachary Quinto), communications officer Uhura (Zoe Saldana), navigator Pavel Chekov (Anton Yelchin), chief engineer Montgomery Scott (Simon Pegg) and helmsman Sulu (John Cho).

During a visit to a Federation starbase under the control of Commodore Paris (Shohreh Aghdashloo), an alien called Kalara (Lydia Wilson) issues a distress call to help recover her ship, which has crash-landed on a planet in a distant nebula. Kirk and the team respond and subsequently come under attack from an otherworldly despot called Krall (Idris Elba) and his swarming drones.

While the Enterprise crew forges an alliance with feisty alien warrior Jaylah (Sofia Boutella), Kirk holds firm to his moral compass, defiantly informing Krall that it's "better to die saving lives than to live taking them".

Star Trek Beyond dodges the curse of misfiring odd-numbered films in the series, but the flaws are obvious. Pine, Quinto and co are solid in roles that lack dramatic meat and don't progress the characters over two hours, and a flimsy, contrived plot resolves potential conflict with minimum blood, sweat and tears. ★★★

The BFG stars Ruby Barnhill as Sophie and Mark Rylance as the giant

Film pick

THE BFG (PG)
THE heroine is a precocious orphan called Sophie (Ruby Barnhill), who is snatched from her bed at the witching hour by a hooded 24-feet tall figure.

The behemoth spirits the girl over verdant valleys and crashing seas to the rolling landscapes of Giant Country. "No such place!" Sophie defiantly informs her host, who introduces himself as the Big Friendly Giant (Mark Rylance). The BFG wouldn't normally kidnap a chiddler, but he explains that he was fearful Sophie might cause a great rumpledumpus by yodelling the news that she had seen a giant.

A tender and deeply touching friendship is forged between Sophie and her kind-hearted abductor, who exists on a diet of disgusterous snozzcumbers and is bullied by filthsome fellow giants including Fleshlumpeater (Jemaine Clement), Bloodbottler (Bill Hader), Maidmasher (Olafur Darri Olafsson) and Manhugger (Adam Godley).

In order to rid Giant Country of these man-gobblers, Sophie hatches a hare-brained scheme to visit The Queen (Penelope Wilton) at Buckingham Palace. The BFG joins her on this madcap quest, and his presence smacks the gobs of the assembled staff including The Queen's dutiful maid Mary (Rebecca Hall) and head butler Mr Tibbs (Rafe Spall).

Directed with verve by Steven Spielberg, *The BFG* is a visually arresting ride that gently tugs heartstrings in between rollicking set pieces. ★★★★

GHOSTBUSTERS (12A)
ERIN Gilbert (Kristen Wiig) hopes to secure tenure at Columbia University, but her academic future is thrown into disarray when childhood friend Abby Yates (Melissa McCarthy) peddles copies of their long forgotten 400-page tome, Ghosts From The Past: Both Literally & Figuratively.

The two women are reunited in the lab where Erin conducts experiments with her madcap protegee, nuclear engineer Jillian Holtzmann (Kate McKinnon). A haunting at Aldridge Mansion gives the trio their first glimpse of the fight ahead, and soon after, ballsy subway worker Patty Tolan (Leslie Jones) joins the team, blessed with an encyclopaedic knowledge of Manhattan's grim history.

It transpires that a demented misfit called Rowan North (Neil Casey) is summoning ghosts to create a vortex between the living and the dead. Armed with proton backpacks, the gang gallantly races into the fray, risking ridicule from the media and Mayor Bradley (Andy Garcia). When disaster looms, Erin pleads with Bradley to evacuate the city.

Ghostbusters affectionately harks back to the series' glory days before the creative misstep of the 1989 sequel. McCarthy and Wiig rekindle their Bridemaids on-screen chemistry, with colourful turns from McKinnon and Jones, and merciless self-mockery from Hemsworth. ★★★

ICE AGE: COLLISION COURSE (U)
THE film opens with Scrat inadvertently propelling a giant space rock towards the third rock from the sun. Back on terra firma, Manny the woolly mammoth (Ray Romano) has forgotten about his wedding anniversary and pretends fireworks in the sky – actually meteorite chunks entering the atmosphere – are a surprise for his wife Ellie (Queen Latifah).

Wonderment turns to terror as molten missiles careen into the earth. "Manny's love is killing us!" screams one of the critters as everyone gallop into caves, cowering together for shelter.

Once the deluge subsides, Manny and his pals Diego the sabre-toothed tiger (Denis Leary) and Sid the sloth (John Leguizamo) emerge to survey the devastation.

One-eyed daredevil weasel Buck (Simon Pegg) discovers ancient runes that confirm a giant meteorite is heading for the planet. The animals, including Diego's tigress sweetheart Shira (Jennifer Lopez), Sid's 80-year-old grandmother (Wanda Sykes), Manny's spunky daughter Peaches (Keke Palmer) and her laidback boyfriend Julian (Adam DeVine), embark on a madcap quest to avert disaster.

Meanwhile, a family of carnivorous flying dinosaurs, comprising father Gavin (Nick Offerman) and children Gertie (Stephanie Beatriz) and Roger (Max Greenfield), tracks the exodus from the air.

Ice Age: Collision Course relies on old tensions between friends and family members to provide the fifth film with a burp of dramatic momentum that quickly dissipates. ★★

THE LEGEND OF TARZAN (12A)
IT has been many years since Tarzan (Alexander Skarsgard) left behind the jungles of Africa to settle into gentrified life as John Clayton III, Lord Greystoke, with his beloved wife, Jane (Margot Robbie).

The lush paradise of the Congo is a sweet, distant memory until the British Prime Minister (Jim Broadbent) passes on an invitation from King Leopold II of Belgium to visit the Congo as a trade emissary of Parliament.

John initially refuses, but gun-slinging American envoy George Washington Williams (Samuel L Jackson) persuades the Greystoke heir to go in order to investigate rumours that Leopold has enslaved local tribes to build his railroad.

John, Jane and George depart for the Congo, unaware that they are pawns in a deadly game masterminded by Machiavellian Belgian envoy, Captain Leon Rom (Christoph Waltz), who has agreed to deliver Tarzan to Chief Mbonga (Djimon Hounsou) in exchange for the legendary diamonds of Opar.

A stand-off ensues and Jane is captured as tantalising bait. Faced with the prospect of losing his soulmate, John gathers together his animal friends and unleashes the primal warrior of the past. ★★★

NOW YOU SEE ME 2 (12A)
NOW You See Me 2 opens with a heart-rending 1980s prologue that emboldens the underlying theme of father-son relationships. Fast-forwarding to the present, it has been one year since the Four Horsemen outwitted Interpol and put former magician Thaddeus Bradley (Morgan Freeman) behind bars.

FBI agent Dylan Rhodes (Mark Ruffalo) assigns the remaining Horsemen – close-up conjurer Daniel Atlas (Jesse Eisenberg), mentalist Merritt McKinney (Woody Harrelson) and street magician Jack Wilder (Dave Franco) – a new case. They must expose businessman Owen Case (Ben Lamb), who possesses software that maliciously steals personal data.

Sassy illusionist Lula May (Lizzy Caplan) replaces missing member Henley and the team infiltrates Case's high-profile media launch to expose his skulduggery.

Alas, the trick is on the Horsemen and Dylan is publicly exposed as the Fifth Horsemen to his boss, deputy director Natalie Austin (Sanaa Lathan).

Meanwhile, Atlas, Merritt, Jack and Lula fall into the clutches of Macau-based mastermind Walter Mabry (Daniel Radcliffe), who requires the team to infiltrate a high-security facility housing Case's data-mining technology. ★★★

ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS: THE MOVIE (15)
LIFE is tough for PR doyenne Edina Monsoon (Jennifer Saunders). Her client list has thinned to Lulu and Emma Bunton and she continues to clash with strait-laced daughter Saffy (Julia Sawalha), who struggles to protect her 13-year-old daughter Lola (Indeyarna Donaldson-Holness) from Edina's negative influence.

To add insult to injury, Edina's lucrative book deal for her memoir collapses when an editor points out that she has nothing to say. "I put Sting in a rainforest, I put Bono behind yellow glasses," splutters Edina, "I gave celebrities Aids!"

Thankfully, best friend Patsy Stone (Joanna Lumley) is in the media eye and her magazine is sponsoring a lavish party for enigmatic designer Huki Muki (Janette Tough). Kate Moss, who is between publicists, is due to attend the soiree and Edina vows to add the supermodel to her dwindling client roster before arch rival Claudia Bing (Celia Imrie).

This hare-brained scheme goes tragically awry and the fashion world points the finger of blame for Kate Moss' demise at Edina and Patsy. "Manslaughter charges might be brought," confirms a detective (Robert Webb), who is dating Saffy.

When ditzy secretary Bubble (Jane Horrocks) vanishes too, Edina and Patsy flee to the Cote d'Azur to snag wealthy husbands. "Living well is the best revenge," affirms Patsy with a lipstick-smeared grin. ★★★

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE (12A)
CALVIN Joyner (Kevin Hart) was the golden boy of his high school in 1996, winning countless awards for his sporting prowess. He proudly assumed the nickname Golden Jet and delighted classmates with his signature move: a backflip from a standing position.

In sharp contrast, overweight misfit Robbie Weirdicht (Dwayne Johnson) was bullied mercilessly by classmates and suffered the humiliation of being flung naked into the school gymnasium during an end of term student rally.

Twenty years later, Calvin is a humble accountant, who has married his sweetheart, Maggie (Danielle Nicolet). Their high school reunion beckons and Calvin is reluctant to attend because he doesn't feel he has delivered on the promise of his formative years. Out of the blue, Robbie reconnects with Calvin via social media and the two men bond over a couple of drinks.

It transpires that Robbie is a CIA agent, who may or may not be in possession of missile launch codes that are poised to be sold to a mysterious buyer (Thomas Kretschmann).

Rival CIA agent Pamela Harris (Amy Ryan) and her colleagues recruit Calvin because they believe Robbie is a terrorist known as the Black Badger. Torn between past and present, Calvin must deduce if he can trust Robbie or if he is being used as a pawn in a deadly conspiracy. ★★★

OPENING THIS WEEK
■ *Jason Bourne* (12A)
IT'S been 12 years since CIA assassin Jason Bourne (Matt Damon) has been on anyone's radar, and the world has changed – war, financial crisis, and political corruption have wreaked havoc across Europe and the USA while the renegade agent has been nowhere to be found. But now, he's back. And this time, he remembers. Packed with mystery, grit and bone-crunching action, Bourne returns as the lethal weapon the world didn't even know it was missing, determined to set things right. But it won't be easy. This time, those who have failed to capture him in the past will stop at nothing until he has been apprehended.

THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS (U)
KATIE (voiced by Ellie Kemper) lives in her Manhattan apartment with a mischievous terrier named Max (Louis CK). He is good friends with other domesticated animals and birds including a pampered Eskimo dog named Gidget (Jenny Slate), who is head over fluffy tail in love with Max.

Max's bond with Katie is threatened when his owner brings home a lolloping mongrel named Duke (Eric Stonestreet), who she has saved from the pound.

Intense rivalry spills out on to the city streets where Max and Duke fall foul of a sphynx cat called Ozone (Steve Coogan) and are mistaken for strays by animal control officers.

The Secret Life Of Pets is the brainchild of the makers of *Despicable Me* and *Minions*, and retains a similar visual style and family-friendly sense of humour. ★★★

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SHOPS and businesses are being encouraged to enter high streets in the Ely area into this year's Great British High Streets Competition.

Now in its third year, the competition celebrates the work that is being done to revive, adapt and diversify the nation's high streets and is an opportunity for councils, businesses, community groups and volunteers to learn from the best.

Last year's competition saw a record-breaking 230 entries and attracted more than 200,000 public votes, with Bishy Road in York, a former finalist, crowned Britain's best.

With new categories and new prizes, including the chance to win up to £10,000 each, High Streets Minister Marcus Jones is calling on communities across the country to enter their villages, towns and cities.

He said: "With a record number of entries and 200,000 public votes cast, last year's competition was a massive success.

"This year's Great British High Streets Competition is going to be even bigger and better, with new categories and a simplified entry form.

"I'd urge everyone to get involved to showcase the hard work of your community, in keeping high streets the life and soul of our towns, villages and cities."

The Government is helping local business communities adapt to the changing face of high streets, with a £6.7 billion package of business rates support, to cut the rates for 900,000 businesses – with 600,000 now paying none at all.

Investment in the high street is up by 30 per cent, the national vacancy rate has fallen to its lowest level since January 2009 and retail sales have increased year-on-year for the longest period on record, according to the Government.

The closing date for entries is September 9.

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WINNERS: King's has won two years running at the Education Business Awards

King's scoops business award

KING'S Ely has won its second consecutive award at the annual prestigious Education Business Awards.

After winning the ICT Facility Award at last year's ceremony, gaining national recognition in the category in the process, the school picked up the Environmental Practice Award, which is awarded to the school that can demonstrate a benefit to the environment and the environmental education of its pupils.

A school spokesman said: "King's were also commended in the educational visits category, a commitment to providing students with a range of subject specific educational visits in order to further their learning experience, as well as further commendation in the art category, after maintaining a first class learning environment with modern and flexible facilities for students of art and attending high profile exhibitions."

Initiative to boost economy

ABELLIO Greater Anglia and tourism organisation, Visit East Anglia, have launched a new campaign designed to boost the region's economy.

They have produced a free brochure promoting Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex, which aims to attract families and holidaymakers looking for fun-filled days out and spring breaks in the area.

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TWO recent events highlight the journey Kia has undertaken from a car maker associated with cheap and cheerful budget motors to one praised for quality automobiles.

The first relates to an award for its Sportage model I have just been driving - but it is perhaps the second that shows how times have changed as Kia finished at the summit of an influential US car quality study usually the preserve of luxury brands.

The annual survey by consultancy JD Power asked more than 80,000 car buyers their opinion and discovered that Kia had the fewest problems in the first 90 days of ownership – followed by Porsche, Hyundai, Toyota and BMW.

It is the first time a non-premium brand has topped the study and shows the giant strides Kia is making in changing customers perceptions of its cars.

The latest version of the Sportage, launched earlier this year, does nothing to spoil that improved view – evidenced by it recently winning Diesel Car Magazine's car of the year award.

There are 18 versions of the new Sportage based on four power units, a choice of transmissions and the option of two or all-wheel drive as well as five trim levels called 1, 2, 3, 4 and GT-Line.

Having just driven the 1.7-litre oil burning front-wheel drive mid-range Sportage 2 it is easy to see why this compact SUV, or family crossover as they are now called, has created such a good impression.

It is the complete package offering lots of goodies with even entry-level models including Bluetooth connectivity, 16-inch alloys, DAB digital radio, LED daytime running lights, leather trim and air conditioning as well as a dynamic drive with great handling characteristics and a distinctive design.

The 2 model adds further baubles such as 17-inch rims, cruise control, sat nav, reversing camera and sensors, roof rails and privacy glass to the mix.

Kia hasn't forgotten its value for money roots though so the range is competitively priced with all models covered by the industry leading seven-year, 100,000-mile warranty. No wonder then that the company reported more than 14,000 orders for the Sportage in its first four months on sale.

The 1.7-litre CRDi 2 I drove is available only with front-wheel drive as Kia claim market research has shown demand for a four-wheel version at this level would be almost non-existent. So for those wanting the option of some off-road fun extra cash must be forked out for one of the more expensive models.

The 114bhp diesel model, priced at £22,050, has a six-speed manual gearbox and can sprint from 0-60mph in 11.1 seconds on its way to a top speed of 109mph. It sips fuel with refreshing frugality with Kia claiming a combined fuel economy figure of 61.4mpg – helped by a stop-start system – and carbon dioxide emissions at 119g/km.

The fourth generation of the Sportage is all-new from the ground up with the exterior a bit of a departure from what went before with a re-worked grille dominating its face.

Athletic, muscular styling is the order of the day, thanks to ex-Audi designer Peter Schreyer, with a sculpted bonnet and chiselled rear end catching the eye.

The cabin is also much improved with good quality materials much in evidence while the smartphone connectivity demanded of modern motors these days is a given.

There's plenty of interior space for five adults thanks to the new Sportage being longer and wider allowing greater leg room for those in the back.

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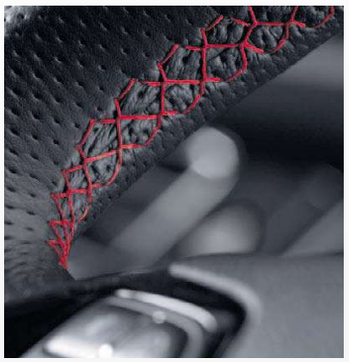

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Audi's new Q7 really is the torque of the town

THINK SUVs and it conjures up images of practical, versatile cars – some very stylish, some not quite so high on quality – but rarely do you enter a 0-62 sprint time of 4.9 seconds into the equation.

Admittedly there are high-end versions out there such as the Range Rover Sport and Porsche Cayenne, but now Audi has introduced a flagship model to its Q7 line-up and it has pretty impressive performance stats along with some very interesting new and innovative technology.

Beneath the bonnet is an all-new 4.0-litre V8 twin-turbodiesel engine delivering 435ps and 900Nm of grunt, giving the SQ7 the highest power to weight ratio in class and the highest torque to weight ratio in class.

It is also the first car to feature an electrically-powered compressor which is designed to speed up response times, so giving instant power at low revs and eradicating any signs of turbo lag. And that, in layman's terms, translates into instant power.

IN THE FAST LANE: Despite its size, this car is blisteringly quick off the mark

The SQ7 looks stunning from any angle: styling cues include 21-inch alloys, Audi Matrix LED headlights, a single frame grille, red painted brake callipers with the S logo, LED tail lights with dynamic sweeping indicators, S styling on the bumper, side ventilation grilles, side skirt and roof spoiler, a panoramic sunroof, privacy glass and lots of chrome trim.

Step inside and the level of on-board technology simply cannot fail to impress.

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The car features Audi's superb virtual cockpit set-up that was first seen on the TT a couple of years back – this allows the driver to personalise the information that is displayed.

In addition there is a head-up display, BOSE 3D sound system, a 8.3-inch high resolution touchscreen, multi-media interface with sat nav, DAB digital radio and smartphone connectivity, ambient lighting and a list that seemingly never ends.

The SQ7 is an exceptionally spacious seven seater with a third row of seats that fold down flush to the boot floor.

When full to capacity the boot still caters for 235 litres. With the rear seats dropped that capacity increases to 705 litres and with the 35:30:35 split-folding rear seats flat a whopping 1,890 litres of storage is available.

The car is priced at £70,970, but in true Audi tradition a raft of optional extras bumped up the car I sampled to £95,160. That said; many of the options were upgrades to systems that would be fine as standard, so the increase can be monitored to suit demand and budgets accordingly.

The top speed has been electronically limited to 155mph and according to official figures the SQ7 can deliver combined fuel economy of 37.2mpg with carbon emissions of 199g/km (on 21-inch tyres).

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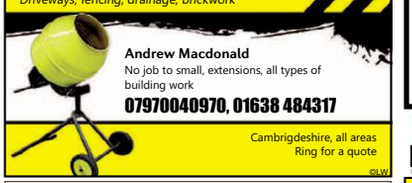

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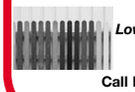

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Bridge Road (A142), Ely
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016/292

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Bridge Road (A142), Ely as lies between points 20m either side of the railway level crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers.

The alternative route for vehicles is via Bridge Road – Station Road and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 29 August 2016 and continue until these works have finished or on the 28 February 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out overnight between 09:30hrs and 15:30hrs 29 August 2016.

Cambridge Road (C315), St Marys Street (B1382) and Lynn Road (B1382), Ely
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016/307

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Cambridge Road (C315), St Marys Street (B1382) and Lynn Road (B1382), Ely as lies between Egremont Street and Witchford Road (C316).

The alternative route for vehicles is via Witchford Road (C316) – A10 – B1411 – Cam Drive – Lynn Road and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate carriageway resurfacing works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 15 August 2016 and continue until these works have finished or on the 14 August 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out overnight only 19:00hrs to 06:00hrs between 15 August and 2 September 2016.

Cage Hill, Swaffham Prior
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016/311

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Cage Hill, Swaffham Prior as lies approximately 30m either side of number 16.

The alternative route for vehicles is via B1102 – High Street and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate water connection works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 3 August 2016 and continue until these works have finished or on the 2 February 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 3 August and 5 August 2016.

Footpath off Windmill Walk, Sutton
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF USE)
ORDER 2016/312

Is to stop any pedestrian from proceeding along Footpath off Windmill Walk, Sutton as lies between Windmill Lane and Windmill Walk.

The alternative route for pedestrians will be as signed.

The Order is made to facilitate cabling works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 22 August 2016 and continue until these works have finished or on the 21 February 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 07:00hrs and 17:00hrs 22 August 2016.

Prickwillow Road (B1382), Queen Adelaide
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016/315

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Prickwillow Road (B1382), Queen Adelaide as lies between Dairy Farm and Queen Adelaide Way, Ely.

The alternative route for vehicles is via B1382 – A1101 – New River Bank, Littleport – Branch Bank – Padnal Bank, Queen Adelaide – B1382 and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate communication pipe repair works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 4 August 2016 and continue until these works have finished or on the 3 February 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 4 August and 6 August 2016.

Lynn Road, Ely
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016/322

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Lynn Road, Ely as lies between points 20m either side of the railway level crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers.

The alternative route for vehicles is via Lynn Road – Ely Road – Grange Lane – A10 – Downham Drive – Cam Drive and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 30 July 2016 and continue until these works have finished or on the 29 January 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out overnight 23:00hrs 30 July to 10:00hrs 31 July; 23:00hrs 6 August to 10:00hrs 7 August; and 23:00hrs 13 August to 10:00hrs 14 August 2016.

Westley Waterless, Westley Waterley
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016/323

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Westley Waterless, Westley Waterless as lies between Poole Farm and Home Farm.

The alternative route for vehicles is via Westley Waterless – B1052 – Six Mile Bottom Road, Brinkley – Balsham Road, Westley Waterless – Westley Waterless and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate electrical connection works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 30 August 2016 and continue until these works have finished or on the 28 February 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 30 August and 5 September 2016.

Mill Drove, Soham
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016/325

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Mill Drove, Soham as lies between points 20m either side of the railway level crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers.

The Order is made to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 20 August 2016 and continue until these works have finished or on the 19 February 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out overnight between 22:00hrs 20 August and 06:00hrs 21 August 2016.

Footpath 28, Burwell
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF USE)
ORDER 2016/341

Is to stop any pedestrian from proceeding along Footpath 28, Burwell as lies between Spring Close and Abbey Close.

The alternative route for pedestrians will be as signed.

The Order is made to facilitate electrical connection works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 1 August 2016 and continue until these works have finished or on the 31 January 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 1 August and 5 August 2016.

Access will be maintained to properties affected by these orders.

The above Orders shall not apply to any persons lawfully engaged in connection with any works for which they are made, any member of the Police Force, Fire and Rescue Service, Ambulance Service, a vehicle being used by Special Forces during the execution of their duties or to any person acting with the permission or upon the direction of a Police Officer in uniform.

Graham Hughes, Executive Director, Economy, Transport and Environment, Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge CB3 0AP

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Proposed development at:

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Mr Mark Braybrooke

For planning permission to:

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Local Planning Authority to whom the application is being submitted:

East Cambridgeshire District Council
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Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application, should Write to the council within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Signatory:

Mr Mark Braybrooke

Date 19-7-2016

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52 yr old male, average build, fit. lonely, seeks a lady for fun times, LTR, soul mate, or discreet dates, can travel. **Text only Mailbox: 5418572**

MALE 68, easygoing, semi retired, likes walking, cinema, eating out, driving, watching most sports, WLTM lady 55+. **Text only Mailbox: 4856527**

MALE, 72, smart, fit, enjoys life, country walks and the coast, pub lunches, fun to be with, seeks similar female, Cambridge/Suffolk/Norfolk areas preferred. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422995**

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MICHAEL, from Cambridge, 5ft8, looking for a lady who would like a good time. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422979**

MID 50's male, seeks attractive, black female, any age for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 384483**

SMART nice looking, professional male, OHAC/business, N/S, seeks female, 40-55 for love, romance and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 392827**

ATTRACTIVE male, own home/business, seeking LTR with lady wanting to be loved in a away she deserves. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 396257**

LIKEABLE easy going honest white male, slim build, likes sport, country walks, music, theatre, pubs, eating out WLTM attractive lady for friendship/relationship. **Text only Mailbox: 5489438**

SINGLE male 50 medium build looking for someone to show me the ropes age between 60 – 85, txt only. **Text only Mailbox: 5423010**

gay seeking

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BI male 59 seeks males 40 to 65 for friendship near Tamworth. **Text only Mailbox: 4355756**

58YR old slim, Northampton bi male, seeks similar bi/CD male for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 399445**

50YR old bi male, seeks bi/CD for lots of fun and games. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 405835**

ATTRACTIVE bi male, 60, seeks similar bi/CD for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 406035**

60YR old bi male, looking for similar bi/CD male in Northampton area only for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 406401**

63YR old bi male seeks Asian male for lots of fun times. **Text only Mailbox: 4172093**

GAY feminine female, blue eyes, GSOH, WLTM caring fem female for friendship or LTR. No children . **Text only Mailbox: 5448522**

Friends

MELANIE 47 seeks straight female friends for nights out, pubs, clubs, concerts, etc. **Text only mailbox no: 5345662**

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MARTIAL ARTS

Students show off their talent

KARATE students from Ely, Soham and Newmarket clubs competed in the Traditional Shotokan Karate Association Northern Kyu Grade Championships held at Kettering Leisure Village, Kettering.

The annual event saw competitors take part in individual patterns, team patterns and individual sparring.

The students ranged from age four years old to adult, and they picked up some impressive results over the course of the event.

The Ely club meets every Saturday at Witchford Village College, while the Soham group get together at The Shade Primary School, Soham, on Tuesday evenings.

For more information visit the website at tiskakarate-ely.co.uk.

PRIZES: The karate students with their trophies

Nicholls wins gold medal in sparring

THERE was success for Ely members of the Mark Farnham School of Taekwondo at the recent TI World Championships.

The event was held at the National Indoor Arena, Birmingham, with more than 2,500 competitors taking part over the course of the weekend.

The entrants took part in pattern, sparring, destruction and team sparring categories, with the Ely competitors tasting success in both team and individual events.

After months of intense preparation for the championships, James Nicholls led the way for Ely, as he finished first in the men's red belt sparring contest.

Sam O'Dell notched up more individual success when he finished third in the boys' black belt sparring competition, while Carrie Lord also claimed third place, in the girls' black belt team sparring section.

Instructor Mark Farnham said: "To win any award at this event is a very serious achievement."

PROUD: James Nicholls with his gold medal

KORFBALL

SUCCESS: A good season was marked by Littleport Lions

Littleport Lions dish out the prizes at awards do

LITTLEPORT Lions celebrated another excellent season at their awards night.

There were prizes for Jack Barry, Chelsea Harrison, Anita Rakauskaite, Danny Mathie and Jenny Barlow.

There was also recognition for James Chinery-Colyer, Lolly Neaves, Lindsey Neaves and Tom Brennand.

And completing the list of winners were Tom Kelly and Chris Tull.

SHOOTING

Duo qualify for county squads

HOT SHOTS: Peter (left) and Allan Wright

ALLAN Wright and son Peter qualified for the county team after strong showings at the Cambridgeshire Skeet Championship.

The event featured 100 targets in rounds of 25, with Peter scoring an impressive 97 out of 100 to win the seniors' category.

Allan scored 95, a performance that meant he joined Peter in the senior squad as well as the veterans' team.

The pair, who live in March, will compete for Cambridgeshire at the Inter-Counties Championships in Northampton in September, one of two team shoots they will take part in.

Allan and Peter will also compete in the national championships later in the year.

NETBALL

Ely course boosts numbers

VICTORIA Cutforth hailed the success of Ely's 'Back to Netball' course after it resulted in the club expanding to five teams in total.

Cutforth and a band of volunteers coached the six-week course at Witchford Village College, which saw 45 ladies of varying ages and abilities taking part.

They included a mother and daughter duo, players returning to netball and those who were intrigued at trying out a new sport.

"It's taken a lot of organising and commitment from the club, but it's been wonderful to see so many happy ladies at the end of each session, especially those discovering their passion for the game," said Cutforth.

The club have now added another two teams following the increase in playing numbers and anyone wishing to join should email elynetball@hotmail.co.uk.

SUCCESS: Players and coaches from Ely's 'Back to Netball' course

ATHLETICS

Daniel competes on national stage

REBECCA Daniel represented Cambridgeshire at the English Schools Athletics Championships in Gateshead.

The King's Ely student, 15, ran in the intermediate girls' 800m, going up against some of the quickest girls that have ever competed in the event.

Daniel, who is a year young for the competition and so will be eligible again next year, was third in her heat so just missed out on qualifying for the final.

She had run the qualifying time for the championships four times in the lead up to the event.

Her best performance was at the British Milers Club Grand Prix in Watford.

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OFF THE PACE: Jonnie Peacock (centre) is beaten by Jarryd Wallace (left) in the T43/44 100m at the Muller Anniversary Games PA

Athletics

Peacock vows to get faster after having to settle for second place

JONNIE Peacock had to settle for second place at the Muller Anniversary Games as he stepped up his preparations for the Rio Paralympics.

The Doddington sprinter, who was named in the ParalympicsGB team on Tuesday, finished behind Jarryd Wallace in the T43/44 100m at the Olympic Stadium in London on Saturday.

Peacock clocked 10.87sec, with Wallace recording 10.80.

"I should have run a better race than that," said Peacock. "I have changed huge things in my technique this year, it is a bit up and down at the moment but it will come."

Old Leysians leave City with that sinking feeling

Cricket

PATRICK Miller racked up a ton as Old Leysians brought City of Ely back down to earth with a bang in Mr Cricket CCA Senior League, Division Two.

Bottom side Ely had won two matches on the bounce to give themselves hope of avoiding relegation to the third tier, but they were soundly beaten away to the third-placed team.

Miller was the main run-scorer for Old Leysians as he struck 122 in their 300 for 6, with George Houghton adding 67 to the tally. Richard Vincett, who took two for 67, had most success with the ball.

In reply, Ely could only muster 75 as John Welch snared three for eight and Houghton and Andrew Salvesen both took two wickets apiece. Jonny Wallace (23) was the pick of the batsmen.

"It was the complete performance, really," said Old Leysians captain Welch.

"Paddy's 122 was the highlight and it was fantastic to watch.

"Everyone contributed to a big total, which was good, and then we bowled beautifully."

In Senior League, Division One, Peter Munns compiled an unbeaten 104 and Kurt Cunningham struck 56 as **Chatteris** overcame Chippenham by 19 runs.

Their efforts got the visitors to 220 all out, before Antony Bamford (three for 28) helped keep their opponents to 201 for 8.

Wilburton did just enough to beat **Sutton** by 10 runs in Junior League, Division 1N.

The victors made 227 for 8 as Tom Walker hit 75, with Mike Grady claiming three for 40.

Mike Vincent then amassed 83 as the losers had to settle for 217 for 9.

Ollie Sellers was the pick of the bowlers with three for 47.

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Isle of Ely rack up the medals at nationals

Rowing

ISLE of Ely Rowing Club caught the eye with an impressive haul of medals at the British Junior Rowing Championships.

At the National Water Sports Centre in Nottingham, the Ely rowers were up against crews from all over the country.

In the J18 girls' quad competition, the crew of Rebecca Welch, Kate Lyster, Helena O'Donnell and Alice Thompson won the bronze medal.

Welch and Lyster took the bronze in the J18 double scull, and Freya Dingwall claimed the silver medal in the J15 single scull.

The crew members will be off to the GB Rowing Start development camp in August, before starting their winter training regime in a bid to continue to build their skills, strength and endurance.

They are looking for sponsors to help them meet the costs of travelling to events to represent Ely, training kit and event entry fees and if anyone would be interested in sponsoring the girls, they can get in touch with the club at www.elyrowingclub.org.uk.

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